



Centennial Corridor Citizens' Advisory Group Meeting #2

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: TRIP Office

Attendance: Kevin Gonsalves, Resident East of 99
Marc Caputo, Resident West of 99
Chris Hall, Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office
Bill Cooper, Kern River Parkway/Bicycle Transportation

Absent: Curtis Richardson, Resident East of 99
Joseph Leon, Business owner East of 99
Janet Riden, Business owner West of 99
John Ohe, Resident West of 99
Ron Frazee, City Fire Chief, Emergency Services
Tyler Hartley, assistant City Fire Chief, Emergency Services

Purpose: The CAG is designed as part of the public participation plan to provide a mechanism for feedback and communications to and from the project team to the general public.

Project Staff: Kirsten Helton, Caltrans Environmental Manager
Sarah Gassner, Caltrans Environmental Manager
Cindy Pollard, Outreach

Recap: The meeting began with introductions and project timeline update to benefit CAG member who was unable to attend the initial meeting.

There was roundtable discussion about issues and questions that had been raised since the first CAG meeting. Caltrans staff answered questions.

The Kern River Parkway expressed concerns about the design of the project relative to bike traffic and asked the project to review the re-vegetation plan.

Sarah reported on the business information meeting held at the end of January.

There was discussion about the need and purpose of the Neighborhood Survey that will be distributed as part of the Community Impact Assessment process.

Sarah discussed the various environmental studies that are currently underway and what people could expect to see in their neighborhoods relative to the studies. There were several questions about the types of studies and that they entail.

There was discussion about the preliminary traffic models and the construction timeline.

Caltrans staff discussed the status of the redesign of the website and informed CAG members they were working as quickly as possible to get it back online.

There was much discussion about the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and what it means. The CAG expressed interest in learning how to read one. It was agreed that a "workshop" would be offered to train CAG members how to read a DEIR so that they could help their constituents understand it. They also requested an executive summary be included in the document.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2009, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the TRIP Office.